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--ABSTRACT

The invention relates to an apparatus for searching a database of music files comprising input means to provide search criteria comprising a tune as a sequence of melodic intervals, comparing means for comparing the sequence of melodic intervals with selected portions of a plurality of computer-readable music files and output means to provide a list of possible matches of the search criteria with at least one of the plurality of computer-readable music files.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-31 with the following amended claims 1-31 and cancel claims 32 and 33.

1. (Amended) An apparatus for searching a database of music files, comprising:

input means to provide search criteria comprising a tune as a sequence of melodic intervals;

comparing means, for comparing said sequence of melodic intervals with selected portions of a plurality of computer-readable music file; and

output means, to provide a list of possible matches of said search criteria with at least one of said plurality of computer-readable music files.

2. (Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said input means comprises a microphone into which a user can sing, hum or whistle said tune.